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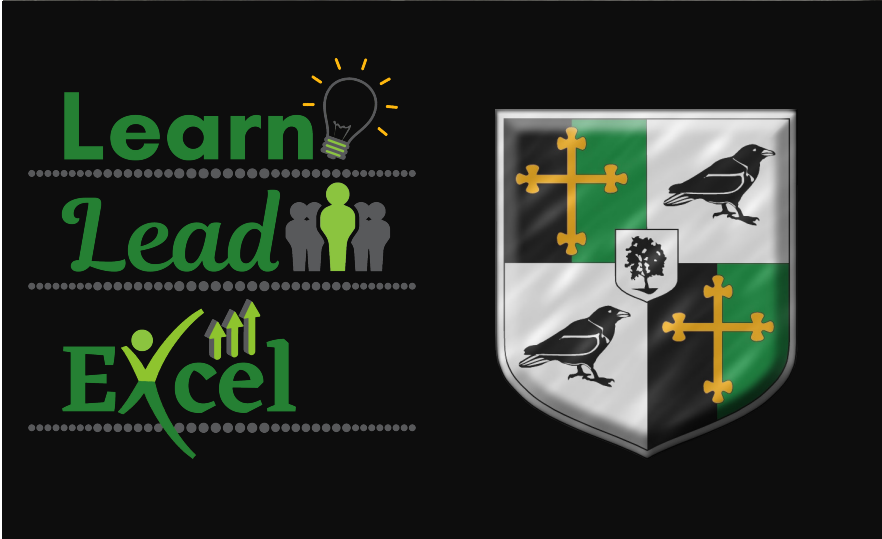
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Friday 3rd May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last fortnight has been busy indeed with trips, visitors and the start of exams for students in GCSE and A Level.

On Tuesday this week we welcomed our Governors into school and they spent a day in the life at Ravens Wood School. We shared our #Blackandgreen values and how these are embedded into the school day. Governors were then invited to visit a variety of lessons, followed by lunch in the staff room where they were able to talk to a variety of staff. The afternoon focus was on Sixth Form Communities and the day was ended with small groups of students meeting the Governors and discussing their experiences at School. We would like to extend our thanks to all of our Governors for the time and support they offer us as a School, as well as their invaluable feedback. Thank you to all staff and students who were involved on the day.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze cohort went on their expedition last weekend and they certainly endured some harsh weather conditions, and this weekend it will be the Silver students' turn, embarking on their trip. We hope the weather improves and that you all enjoy the experience. We look forward to our Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast next week. Whilst we are sad to be saying goodbye to this year group, we will enjoy celebrating their time with us at Ravens Wood.

Recently, our Art and Language students have begun their Public Exams. Our Exam Season starts in earnest next week on Thursday 9th May. As you will recall, Mr Snell wrote to families to outline changes to the school day in order to fit in with the timings of the exams nationally. Essentially, lunch will take place from 12.10 - 12.50 and Period 4 and 5 will take place after lunch. These changes will come into effect on Thursday 9th May and we will revert back to our usual timetable on Monday 24th June.

It just remains for me to say a huge 'Good Luck' to all students in Year 11 and Year 13 for the coming weeks. Your hard work is sure to pay off! Have a wonderful weekend

Ms M. Lester
Headteacher



My Child at School



Ravens Wood School

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26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just before the Easter break, we launched My Child at School (MCAS) website and app which:

- allows us to contact you with important school messages
- shares school documents and school letters
- publishes your child's reports
- monitors achievement and behaviour
- shows your child's timetable and their membership of clubs and school trips.

You will also be able to see the personal information we hold about your child. You can update this information at any time which helps keep our records up to date. The website also provides details of detentions.

Parents who have downloaded the app have commented on how useful it is to see key information on their child and we highly recommend you do the same, if you have not already done so.

What you need to do:

You can access MCAS via their website, or download the app, which can be found on their website log in page for both Android and IOS: [MyChildAtSchool - Login](#).

Your account is activated so please select the *reset password* option to log on.

We hope you are able to benefit from the improved communication with school by using the app and website access, please contact support@rws.uk.net if you have any issues with log in details.

Yours faithfully,

Ravens Wood School



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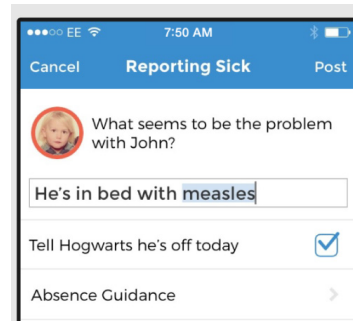
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RWS MUSIC NEWS



Legally Blonde

Well done to Charlotte, Ethan, Sabina and Austin for their roles in BYMT's production of Legally Blonde. The production was of professional standard and showcased our wonderful Musical Theatre Performers. For some of them, this will be their last time representing BYMT and RWS and we wish them luck in their future endeavours.



Spring Concert

The Spring Concert on the 17th April was a huge success. There were showcase performances from Ravens Band, Rabble, Big Band, Super Smash Bros and the Music Academies. Thanks to all students and staff involved.



Exam Success

Congratulations to the following students for their exam recent success:

- Wolfe Butler (Grade 6 Drums)
- Leo Morrison (Grade 2 Trumpet & Grade 4 Drums)
- George Morrison (Grade 7 Piano)
- Matteo Basoglu (Grade 6 Guitar)
- Oskar Partlett (Grade 2 Singing)
- Austin Hunt (Grade 3 Piano)



Dates for the diary:

- Thursday 16th May – Performing Arts Awards
- Tuesday 18th June – Young Soloist of the Year Final
- Wednesday 26th June – Ravens Wood Stock (Summer Concert)

Vaccinations



If your child was due to have a vaccination at school this year and missed it for any reason, please be advised that the nurses will return to school for a final catch up session on **Tuesday 2nd July**.

The nursing team will only vaccinate students for whom they have a valid consent. If your child is nervous about the vaccination or you have any questions about consent, then please contact the nursing team directly. They can be reached via 020 8973 3000 or HRCH.ImmunisationTeamBromleyMailbox@nhs.net



Thank you for your support

RWS Sixth Form News



Preparing for Success

Year 13 Structured Revision Programme

Mr McCartney and Mr Snell delivered an assembly to launch our bespoke Structured Revision Programme to our Year 13 students this week. The purpose of this approach is to support students in the lead up to and throughout the upcoming examination series. The programme is made up of Pre-Exam Lessons and Exam Warm-Up sessions which aim to maximise time students have with their subject specialist teachers. The students were also reminded about examination expectations and key tips to ensure they are approaching this important time with the correct attitude. We were very impressed with the level of engagement and maturity during this assembly and we wish our Yr13 students all the very best with their final push towards the exams. #PreparingForSuccess #GoodLuckWithYourExams



Yr13 Leaver's Breakfast

Date—Wednesday 8th May
Time—8.50am for a 9.00am start
Location—Main Hall followed by learning commons



Yr12 UCAS and Next Steps

Date—Tuesday 4th June
Time—6.15pm
Further information to be shared in due course



The Brilliant Club

Our group of Yr12 students continue to engage with their weekly tutorials as part of the Brilliant Club. The sessions, which are delivered by a PHD tutor, allow our students to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university. The programme also allows our students to develop key transferable skills that will stand them in good stead for other next steps provisions such as apprenticeships or employment. The Scholars Programme is structured around seven tutorials, and pupils also attend a Graduation Event at a partner university to speak with current undergraduates and learn about university life. #LearnLeadExcel #BeingBrilliant



Key Stage 3; Geography in the field



This week Year 8 Geographers have been exploring their local area to answer the Enquiry Question of 'Do people have a good quality of life in my local area?'

The most important thing that we learnt was how much quality of life can vary in a small area. My favourite part was comparing the differences in our widespread views as a class.

- Dylan Fishlock, 8D

St George's Day

The occasion was marked with some goodies in the school canteen!



Attendance

1st Place with 97% - 7A, 7E & 7D

2nd Place with 96% - 11G & 7B

3rd Place with 95% - 9D



Dates for your Diary

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Residential - Thursday 2nd - Saturday 4th May

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May

Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast - Wednesday 8th May

Half Term - Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

Please check the SOCS website for regular updates regarding sporting fixtures

<https://sport.rws.uk.net>





Football News



On 27th March Ravens Wood School took 83 students and 9 staff on football tour to Valencia. After a 4am start and very turbulent flight the tour group arrived in Spain.

The first thing on the itinerary was a guided tour around the famous Mestalla Stadium, which included a visit to the trophy room, media suite, changing rooms and the opportunity to go pitch side, and sit in the dugout!

The next day another early start saw the boys head to their first session at the training ground. They enjoyed training delivered by Valencia's very own academy coaches. Afterwards, we attended the largest aquarium in Europe, Oceanographic, followed by an evening of games against local Spanish teams, cheered on by the other half of the touring party.

6.00am soon rolled around again and the boys were up, fed and on the coach to training, another top session at the Valencia training ground. The afternoon saw some time to explore the beautiful city centre before relaxing on the beach and the hotel before another 3 games that evening. The boys who had cheered on their friends so well the day before now had their turn under the floodlights.

Saturday morning saw the penultimate training session and despite the early 8am start the sun was glorious and the boys, despite being very tired by this point, put on another great account of themselves. The next activity was bowling and this brought out an even more competitive side of the students. Then we headed to the Mestalla for the La Liga game, Valencia v Real Mallorca. The weather at this point took a turn, but some hail stones and a 0-0 did not dampen our spirits.

The final day was the last chance to train before we headed home. 83 very tired boys and 9 even more tired staff boarded the flight home with memories that that will last a life time!

We would like to thank our sponsors who helped to kit out the students and ensure we looked fantastic throughout. Our primary sponsor for the tour was Integra – Making ambitious concepts a reality and Matchday Fitness – football conditioning experts.



Wellbeing

PARENT/CARER SESSION

DOMESTIC ABUSE - RISKS AND IMPACTS



Introducing our **NEW Parent/Carer sessions: 'Domestic Abuse - Risks and Impacts'**

This **free** session forms part of our Secondary Schools' offer to increase awareness of the risks and impacts of domestic abuse on young people's relationships.

This one-hour session will help parents and carers to:

- Recognise the signs of domestic abuse
- Consider the impacts of domestic abuse
- Learn about places of support for young people
- Know where to go to get help and support as a parent/carer of a young person experiencing domestic abuse

To arrange a session please contact: Rachael Phillips, Training and Engagement Officer: training@bcwa.org.uk.

- 1 in 5 teenage girls has experienced domestic abuse in their dating relationship. (*SafeLives, 2017*)
- Teenage boys are more likely to experience domestic abuse than men over 25 years old. (*ONS, 2020*)
- Children and young people exposed to misogynistic social media content like Andrew Tate were almost 5 x more likely, than those not exposed, to view hurting someone physically as acceptable if you say sorry afterwards. (*Women's Aid, 2023*)
- Whilst 70% of children and young people said they would seek support if affected by domestic abuse, 61% of them were unsure or did not know where to go. (*Women's Aid, 2023*)
- Domestic abuse is experienced by 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men: that's 7 girls and 4 boys in a standard secondary class. (*NCDV, 2023*)



Wellbeing

Reducing Parental Conflict

There is strong evidence that conflict between parents, whether together or separated, can have a significant negative impact on a child's mental health and long term life chances. Not all conflict is damaging, but where this is frequent, intense and poorly resolved it can harm children's outcomes. We offer a range of help, advice and tools for parents who want to reduce parental conflict and minimise it's negative impact on their children.

For more information on healthy relationships please visit our website: www.bromleyparentinghub.org.uk



Reducing Parental Conflict workshops

3 FREE workshops for parents to focus on ways to create positive family relationships.

Session 1:
The importance of
Healthy Relationships
9th of May 2024
10-12pm

Session 2:
Communication
16th of May 2024
10-12pm

Session 3:
Is change needed?
23rd of May 2024
10-12pm



To book onto our Reducing Parental Conflict workshops or for further information please call: 020 8461 7259 or email: parenting.courses@bromley.gov.uk.

Positive family relationships help an individual cope with stress, engage in healthier behaviours, enhance self-esteem, leading to improved wellbeing. Please read our parent testimonials:

"Although they felt informal and comfortable, they were absolutely full of practical skills and useful information"
Joshua's mum

"The course gave me the opportunity to reflect on my own behaviour and outlined the path for improvement. I fully enjoyed it"
Harry's dad

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Please scan the QR code to access a video on how parental conflict can impact children



Bromley Parenting Hub.
Building stronger parental relationships



Learn To continually explore and discover new skills, ideas and knowledge

Lead To lead by example and inspire those around you

Excel To be the best you can be through effort and endeavour

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